

**ABSTRACT**

Methods and apparatus which enable remote control of animatronic devices over a network using a web enabled cell phone. For clients having limited programming capabilities such as a cell phone, signals created by pressing a key on a keypad are sent to an intermediate server which would have a mapping of a key to a desired animatronic control command and would convert the received signals to an animatronic control command and send the animatronic control command to a server for sending to an addressed animatronic device. A determination may be made if the animatronic control command is serviceable by the animatronic device. The animatronic control command is sent unaltered to a receiving client if the animatronic control command is serviceable by the animatronic device connected to the receiving client. The animatronic control command may be modified to a valid animatronic control command if the animatronic control command is not serviceable by the animatronic device.